has been granted permission for starting new colleges of ISM, conducting courses of ISM and fixing the number of seats/students;

(b) if so, the details of the provisions of the IMC Act, 1970 under which CCIM is empowered to do so;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Council is charging Rs. one lakh from the institutions of ISM every year; and

(d) if so, the provisions of the IMC Act, 1970 under which CCIM has right to do so, otherwise why this unhealthy practice has not been checked?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. However, such permission will now be given by the Central Government.

(b) Since the CCIM has to ensure the compliance of standards of education laid down and has to recommend recognition of medical qualifications, the institutions had been approaching them for permission. There was, however, no specific legal provision before 28.01.2003 for seeking permission.

(c) CCIM is charging Rs. one lakh only w.e.f. 2002-03 from new institutions.

(d) The CCIM has to carry out periodical inspection of the institutions to ensure compliance of standards. CCIM charges fee to meet expenditure on inspection.

Changing of infants

†1539. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of several recent incidents of changing of infants from the hospitals;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take any stringent action to stop recurrence of such incidents; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (c) Adequate measures are taken to prevent baby swapping in Central Government Hospitals.

As Health is a state subject, such matters fall within the purview of the respective State Governments.

Treatment of CGHS beneficiaries in private hospitals

1540. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CGHS beneficiaries can avail the services of private designated laboratories and clinics/hospitals;

(b) if so, the details of such designated laboratories and clinics/hospitals;

(c) whether it is a fact that medicines prescribed by CGHS Dispensaries and designated clinics/hospitals are compulsorily to be obtained from the concerned CGHS Dispensary, where they are mostly not available;

(d) whether it is a fact that private designated laboratories/clinics are refusing to entertain CGHS beneficiaries for inordinate delay in remittance of their service charges by Government; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the measures taken to rectify the deficiencies?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir. With due permission of the designated authority.

(b) A list of private hospitals/diagnostic centres recognised in various CGHS covered cities is at Annexure-I (*See* Appendix 199, Annexure No. 9).

(c) Medicines prescribed by CGHS dispensaries/recognised private hospitals are required to be obtained from concerned dispensaries only. Medicines not available in the dispensaries are procured through local purchase and supplied to the beneficiaries.